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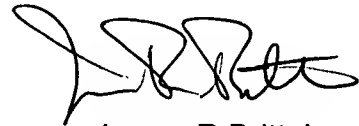
The reply filed on April 25, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant indicates that claims 1-20 are pending (remarks, page 10, ¶3). However, new claims 21-23 are submitted. The remarks do not state with respect to new claims 21-23 what arguments point out the specific distinctions believed to render the new claims 21-23 patentable over the applied references. Rule 1.111 (b) states "The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references." Applicant has not point out the distinctions for new claims 21-23. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD OF **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply to omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R Brittain whose telephone number is 703-308-2222. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 5:30 to 2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JRB', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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